

## 04-141 Office of the Attorney General

The mission of the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, is to achieve excellence by providing superior public legal representation, professional and effective law enforcement, and assertive public advocacy to the State of Louisiana in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

The goals of the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, are:

1. Provide superior legal and professional services to the State of Louisiana.
2. Develop a working environment that encourages competent individuals to pursue career employment in the Department of Justice.
3. Develop a state-of-the-art management information system.
4. Improve the process of recovering monies owed to the State of Louisiana and limit the liabilities of the state.
5. Improve cooperative working relationships with federal, state, and local agencies and private sector organizations.
6. Establish criteria for measuring activity.
7. Make public service information accessible to the citizens of Louisiana.

The Department of Justice is under the direction of the Attorney General, who is authorized under Article IV, Section 8, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, to exercise all functions related to being the chief legal officer of the state. The Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has five programs: Administrative, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Medicaid Fraud, Risk Litigation, and Gaming.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 1998-1999	ACT 10 1999- 2000	EXISTING 1999- 2000	CONTINUATION 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$9,669,588	\$11,666,487	\$11,871,639	\$13,614,817	\$12,351,204	\$479,565
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	4,688,725	1,507,510	2,102,146	1,722,872	1,851,332	(250,814)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	10,363,895	12,950,724	13,081,813	13,060,819	13,079,202	(2,611)
Statutory Dedications	0	4,585,624	4,754,116	3,526,445	3,694,952	(1,059,164)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	1,106,262	1,407,532	1,407,532	1,576,608	1,524,937	117,405
<b>TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING</b>	<b>\$25,828,470</b>	<b>\$32,117,877</b>	<b>\$33,217,246</b>	<b>\$33,501,561</b>	<b>\$32,501,627</b>	<b>(\$715,619)</b>
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administrative	\$3,116,814	\$3,730,910	\$3,903,201	\$4,327,508	\$3,722,776	(\$180,425)
Civil Law	6,299,445	8,214,793	8,443,292	8,517,402	8,259,628	(183,664)
Criminal Law and Medicaid Fraud	3,794,115	4,776,445	5,058,329	5,116,246	4,979,994	(78,335)
Risk Litigation	9,038,437	10,544,492	10,604,242	10,911,175	10,702,672	98,430
Gaming	3,579,659	4,851,237	5,208,182	4,629,230	4,836,557	(371,625)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST</b>	<b>\$25,828,470</b>	<b>\$32,117,877</b>	<b>\$33,217,246</b>	<b>\$33,501,561</b>	<b>\$32,501,627</b>	<b>(\$715,619)</b>
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclassified	426	435	439	471	465	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>26</b>

**The Total Recommended amount above includes \$3,382,170, all of which is State General Fund, of supplementary recommendations for legal services and 59 positions. This item is contingent upon Revenue Sources in excess of the Official Revenue Estimating Conference Forecast subject to Legislative approval and recognition by the Revenue Estimating Conference.**

This agency's recommended appropriation includes \$1,372,606 for short-term debt, including Lease Purchase agreement.

This agency does not have any long-term debt for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 518,453
State General Fund by:	
Interagency Transfers	73,253
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	515,513
Statutory Dedications	145,499
Federal Funds	60,338
Total	\$1,313,056